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Application of:

Denis John Albert

Serial No.: 09/763,511

Filed: May 22, 2001

Title: METHOD OF SELECTING AND/OR
PROCESSING WOOD ACCORDING TO FIBRE
CHARACTERISTICS

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) Group Art Unit: 1731
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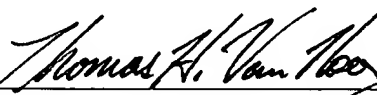
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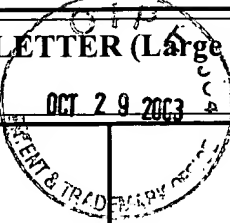
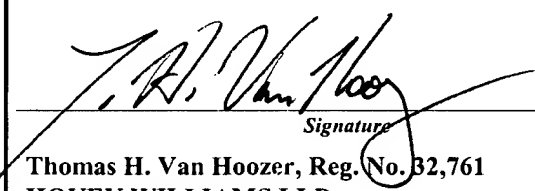
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Invention: Method of Selecting and/or Processing Wood According to Fibre Characteristics					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.